

the audience. Several hundred persons who came to see the convention left today.

Not even the enthusiasm of optimism can disguise the fact that the convention is utterly dominated by Woodrow Wilson. Several hundred miles distant and that it doesn't do a thing that hasn't been mapped out for it to do by the President.

Wilson picked the keynote, the sub-keynote, and will pick the national chairman; he sent Secretary of War Baker with an outline of the platform; he approved Marshall as a running mate; he will approve the list of national committee members.

Seen as "Poor Show."

For the Republican that its proceedings are so utterly routine, so completely cut and dried, the convention is being regarded more and more as a "poor show" by visitors.

Under plans considered just prior to the convention opening today, all thought of a hoodoo in nominating on Friday was set aside.

Incidentally, this was another instance of Wilsonian domination, since the President let it be known that Friday had always been his "lucky" day.

The only thing which might have left the convention to do on its own hook was to write the minor plank of the platform. The "draft" which Secretary of War Baker carried, it became known today, carried merely the President's wishes in the matter of the wording of the principal planks—those on Americanism, national defense, foreign relations, and the other really big issues.

It is up to the resolutions committee to work out the minor plank declaration, and the subcommittee set up early today to draft those planks. They will report to the full committee this afternoon.

Unique Action.

Old-timers in Democratic ranks re-elected today that if Marshall is renominated—and there is general conviction he will be—it will be an act almost unique in conventions. In only one or two instances have Vice Presidents been renominated.

Political expediency heretofore has dictated that the running mate job be switched. But political expediency this year dictates that effort be made to offset the Republican bid for work electoral votes made in the naming of Fairbanks for Vice President by renominating Marshall, another Indian.

From indications today, Marshall's name will be the only one submitted to the convention as a Vice Presidential candidate. Illinois booster for Roger Sullivan practically decided not to present their "favorite son" as a nominee and the Missouri delegation is expected to follow suit in deciding not to suggest Governor Major's name. This would leave as Marshall's only opponent, John H. Morehead, of Nebraska, who has all along been considered out of the running.

The retiring national chairman, William F. McCombs, today asked President Wilson to indicate his choice of a campaign manager for Friday. All the discussion among Democrats today was that Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, present vice chairman, would be elevated to the chairmanship.

THREE U. S. TROOPERS ARE SLAIN IN BATTLE

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wounded: Will send names as soon as received. Bodies of six Mexicans and six dead horses were found in brush. Clothing of dead men was wet, showing they had crossed river.

Major Grey, in command, telephoned party scattered, and he thinks went down river. His scouts trying find trail, and will show it with his machine force when found.

"11:10 a. m. FUNSTON."

Mexican Note to Go Soon After Minor Alterations

Minor changes in the draft of the American reply to the Carranza note demanding a withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexico, will be made, it is understood, at a meeting of a conference held at the White House today between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

It was the first opportunity which the President had to examine the tentative draft since it was drawn up by Secretary Lansing several days ago. The President is understood to have approved the passages rebuking Carranza for the intemperate utterances of the latter's note and the intimation it contained as to the political motive behind the President's refusal to withdraw the Pershing expedition.

Secretary Lansing declined to discuss the changes, except to say that the note would not be sent today. It will probably go late Saturday night or Monday and not before the St. Louis convention adjourns.

American Consulate At Juarez Is Closed

EL PASO, Tex., June 15.—Practically every American consulate in Mexico has been vacated. Thomas D. Edwards, in charge of the American consulate at Juarez, has vacated his post and is residing in El Paso. He received advice from the State Department to use his own discretion regarding closing the consulate, and he immediately moved to this side of the line.

The arrival of 60 coast artillerymen, now on the way from the East, will bring the total strength of the American forces in Mexico down along the border to approximately 50,000 men.

Reports received by State Department agents from Chihuahua and Durango are to the effect that there is no change in the situation, and that anti-American demonstrations continue throughout the northern section of the republic. No further fighting between American and Mexican forces has been reported.

Doting Parents Name Son "Charles Hughes"

ATLANTIC CITY, June 15.—The first child in the United States to be named after Justice Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican Presidential nominee, following his nomination, is the sixth son born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Albrecht.

The baby arrived almost on the minute of Justice Hughes' nomination and the proud parents announced today that Baby Albrecht would be called Charles Hughes Albrecht.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Showers today and tomorrow. Moderate to fresh southerly winds.

TEMPERATURES (U. S. Bureau.)

8 a. m. 65
9 a. m. 66
10 a. m. 67
11 a. m. 68
12 noon 68
1 p. m. 69

TIDE TABLE (U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High tides—7:06 a. m., height 5.4.
Low tides—1:04 p. m., height 0.5.
Moon rises 7:30 p. m., sets 4:00 a. m.

SUN AND MOON TABLE.
Sun rises 4:41 a. m., sets 7:38 p. m.
Moon rises 7:30 p. m., sets 4:00 a. m.

Light automobile lamps at 9:06 p. m.

Democrats Whisper Even About Weather

And When One Delegate Touches Another for a Ticket, It Looks Like a Diplomatic Intrigue in a Best Seller.

By THEODORE TILLER.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Undoubtedly the champion whisperers of the nation are members of the Democratic party. There hasn't been a mysterious incident connected with this convention, but there's more whispering going on than at the Republican and Progressive conventions combined.

It just seems natural for a Democratic leader or delegate to speak in low, solemn, and mysterious tones. If a Democratic politician doesn't grab you by the coat or the lobe of the ear, he's just being polite.

Probably it isn't worth while, anyway, but at St. Louis one may easily tell when the talker thinks it's important.

Telegrams of high and low degrees soft-pedal their communications here. They all bat 300 in the Between You and Me League. What they are talking about is known.

Occurrence or will occur here that couldn't be shouted from the hotel roofs or carried by the wind. The whispering continues and the uninitiated stand about and wonder if the old nation is about to go on the rocks.

Stone and McCombs Pose.

For instance, Senator "Gumshoe" Bill Stone and William F. McCombs, chairman of the national committee, posed the other day for a movie man.

As the camera clicked the two celebrities stood about two feet apart, gestulating and carrying on an imaginary conversation and looking uncomfortable.

In the movie they will probably appear self-conscious and specially posed. No sooner had the "movie" man moved away, however, than a real-life scene was enacted—just the sort of thing the "movie" man ought to have had.

Senator Stone and Chairman McCombs moved over against a nearby sidewalk pillar. They put their heads together like an engaged couple.

Senator Stone's mouth was shoved within an inch of McCombs' ear. Each held the other's coat lapel. Thus they stood for a couple of minutes, whispering so secretly that a man a foot away couldn't catch a word. A big crowd gathered on the sidewalk.

"There's something up," said a bystander. "That's Bill Stone talking to McCombs. I bet there's some trouble."

"Deep stuff, kid," said a cynic. "Yet the probabilities are that the conversation between Stone and McCombs was of no more importance than something like this:

Stone—Say, Bill, I gotta have a dozen more convenient tickets for my constituents as peering the life out of me. I got a wad of them today, but they don't go around. Slip me all the extras you can put your hands on."

McCombs—Sure thing, I gotcha, Senator. This is your old home town, and I know you ought to come clean."

Stone—Take some away from these d— Republican States like Utah and Vermont. We gotta carry Missouri."

McCombs—Sh! I'll slip 'em under your door tonight."

Another Famous Whisperer.

Ollie James is another famous whisperer. So is Senator Bill Hughes. Col. Robert Ewing, Congressman James Garner of Texas, William Jennings Bryan, Thomas Taggart, Senator Walsh, and Cato Sells are among other most accomplished mystery talkers.

Down in his throat. The whispering abilities of Secretary Houston, Roger Sullivan, and Charles F. Murphy have long stamped them as Democrats.

And nobody here has yet discovered why anything said about this election-dried affair has to be as softly spoken as a commencement speech at a deaf-and-dumb institute or a conference among the members of the

United Order of Second-Story Workers.

Col. William Sapp, national committeeman from Kansas, has brought to the convention its only silk hat—so far as statistics gathered at this hour indicate. Since Monday last Colonel Sapp a dapper young man of impressive ways, has mingled freely about hotels with the swarthy delegates from Hawaii, the effete New Englanders, the slow-speaking representatives of the South, homespun spokesmen from the canebrakes of Louisiana and Arkansas, and the equal suffrage orators of the West.

Upon all occasions Colonel Sapp has worn his silk hat, a high cut vest and a Prince Albert coat with tails that flap and are as invariable as the American flag. If Mr. Sapp were a candidate for Vice President he could not shine more gloriously in this gathering of underdressed Democrats.

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Former Governor Campbell of Ohio, Who Attended 1868 Convention, Wants Action.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 15.—Former Gov. James E. Campbell of Ohio, who is here as a delegate-at-large, attended his first Democratic national convention in 1868, forty-eight years ago.

Governor Campbell is tramping the hotel lobbies suffering from ennui. "I've been to many Democratic conventions, but I never saw anything like this one," he said today. "No candidates to fight over, everybody in agreement on the platform, the leaders, for the most part, personal friends."

"Why, in the old days, if nothing else happened, a couple of the big leaders would get into a mix-up and knock each other down a few times. We're more civilized now. Now they merely hammer each other through the news papers."

Of all the conventions in the last forty-eight years, the Baltimore gathering four years ago was the greatest in Campbell's opinion.

"I don't think we'll ever have another to equal it in thrills and excitement," he said. "The present convention is a little tame."

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